



Department of Hawaii General Orders # 003

Series 2020-2021

July 6, 2020

Commander's Corner,

**"Together, we can do it"** is Auxiliary President's, JoAn Hill, and my theme for the 2020-2021 year. And, boy do we have a lot to do. My goals for the Department have not changed since I started this journey as Department Surgeon.

Membership goals include increasing the Department membership to 5,000 from its current level and recruiting and mentoring younger members.

We do wonderful work around the community, but no one knows about it. Our community service projects and special events need to be publicized. People need to know about the great work we do for our community as part of the VFW. We need to get our name out using social media, print and broadcast media. People love to join and donate to groups that are active in their community. We want the VFW to be that group.

We need to engage with our political leaders, invite them to our projects, testify on legislation that is important to you, and support the candidates who support veterans. Make a personal connection with your politicians. We will need their support help with projects around the state to help Veterans.

This year, I will be visiting as many Posts and Auxiliaries as I can. If you have questions, call me. As we strive to achieve our goals and have fun succeeding remember **"Together, we can do it, Kulia I Ka Nu'u."**

Ron Lockwood, Commander

1. With the upcoming primaries and general elections, VFW members are reminded that they cannot endorse or actively campaign against candidates on behalf of the VFW, Department or Posts. Don't wear your VFW cap when actively campaigning for or against a candidate; such as soliciting donations or knocking on doors when asking people to pledge their vote for a candidate. This includes using mailing lists obtained while in the VFW to either campaign for or against candidates.
2. Series 2020-2021 Ballot-06 To approve the appointment the Department Service Officer and Assistant Department Service Officer and to approve the salary of the employees of the Department Service Office. Passed



3. The following appointments are hereby made:

By-laws and Resolutions	Calvin Yonamine	Post 970
By-laws and Resolutions	Kimberly Blaum	Post 3855
By-laws and Resolutions	Lawrence Enomoto	Post 110

4. National by-laws stipulate that elected and appointed officers shall not assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and reviewed. Failure or refusal to submit the same within sixty (60) days of election or appointment shall result in the office being declared vacant. Proof of eligibility will be submitted to the office of State Adjutant.

5. Posts located in Hawaii are reminded that they must register with the Hawaii DCCA yearly. For further information go to <https://hbe.ehawaii.gov/documents>.

6. All Posts are reminded that they must file Federal Income Tax yearly. Most Posts should be able to file using the 990 postcard. Check with your tax consultant if you have questions on what forms you are required to file.

7. Post Commanders are reminded that any Post in arrears to Department or National for fees, other financial obligations or administrative requirements including Election reports will be deprived of representation at the Department Convention.

8. Each Officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of the National By-laws shall be bonded in amount and surety, shall be approved by their respective units. Bonding period runs from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021. All names on all Bank accounts must be bonded. Bonds for the 2019-2020 year expire on August 31, 2020.

9. Post Commanders shall submit Trustee Reports of Audit to the Department Quartermaster for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter ending June 30, 2020, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ending September 30, 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ending December 31, 2020 and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ending March 31, 2021. The deadline for the last Trustee Report will be April 30, 2021.



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10. It is recommended that all Posts review their Post By-laws and incorporate language that allows for electronic attendance at Post meetings in accordance with National By-Laws Section 203.
  
11. The Council of Administration will meet on August 8, 2020. Time 0900 location TBD. Please plan accordingly.
  
12. Submit your Community Service report monthly to the Community Service Chairman Ronald Lockwood. Send it in monthly. Phone number (808)227-3773 or email to [lockwood0849@gmail.com](mailto:lockwood0849@gmail.com).
  
13. New Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Themes:
  - a. Voice of Democracy: "Is this the Country the Founders Envisioned?"
  - b. Patriot's Pen: "What is Patriotism to Me?"
  
14. The State Commander and Adjutant will be informed of all official neighbor island trips.
  
15. The State Commander, State Adjutant and Chief of Staff will be cc'd on all reports sent to National or sent for further distribution.

**By Order of:**

*Ronald Lockwood*  
Ronald Lockwood  
State Commander

OFFICIAL:

*George Barlett*  
George Barlett  
State Adjutant